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U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS WAIVES CAMPGROUND FEES FOR VETERANS AND ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS ON NOV. 11

WASHINGTON, D.C – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will join other federal agencies in waiving day use fees for veterans, active duty service members and their families at its recreation areas nationwide on November 11.

Jacksonville District has three campgrounds in south Florida: Ortona South near LaBelle; W.P. Franklin near Fort Myers; and St. Lucie South near Stuart.

"Our intent is to honor and support the men and women who have served our nation in the armed services," Major General Don T. Riley, the Corps' Director of Civil Works, said. "We chose this occasion to encourage our veterans and those on active duty to enjoy our parks and realize the benefits of outdoor recreation activities."

While waiving day use fees, the Corps also encourages all others to enjoy America's public lands and waters. The Corps is one of the largest providers of outdoor recreation, operating more than 2,500 recreation areas at 456 projects (mostly lakes) and leasing an additional 1,800 sites to state or local park and recreation authorities or private interests.

The Corps hosts about 375 million visits each year at its lakes, beaches and other areas, and estimates that 25 million Americans (one in ten) visit a Corps project at least once a year to recreate.

More details about Jacksonville District's campgrounds are available at

<http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/sfoo/rec/camp.htm>.

Additional information about the Corps' overall recreation program across the country is available at

<http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil/visitors/visitors.cfm>.

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